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In re the Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/688,696

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For: DETACHABLE SWIMMING POOL
SHADE AND SPORT MOUNTING

Art Unit: 3632

Examiner: Mr. Ramon Ramirez

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 7, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, species depicted in Figure 5C for initial examination in the present application. Claims 6, 7, 9-14, and 19-26 read on the elected species and are generic to all of species depicted in Figure 5C as outlined in the Office Action. Only claims 16-18 pertain to the non-elected species.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement since all of species regarding an apparatus for holding an umbrella are sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for apparatus for holding an umbrella would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for species regarding the volleyball net or banner and flag holding apparatuses. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the election requirement be withdrawn and that all species claimed herein be examined.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the election/restrictions requirement be withdrawn and that all claims recited herein be examined.

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